

# IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD

## HELP AND COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN IN SELECTING CHRISTMAS GIFTS

As the Christmas season approaches, mothers are often confronted by the small children's problems as to the gifts for their friends and teachers.

When the home is filled with the bustle of the Christmas preparations, it is only natural that the children, too, will make a list of the friends whom they wish to remember. It is not only in the home that they hear of Christmas, but the school teachers and those who are in charge of the Sunday school are telling of the first Christmas day.

Mothers are often too busy to attend to the little remembrances the children wish to make, and so Christmas passes and teachers and friends are forgotten by the mother, but alas! not by the baby.

The old proverb: "It is better to give than to receive" may fill the heart of the busy mother whose days are crowded with preparations for the Christmas of her little family, but goes it ever occur to her that her children have been taught this same thing, and that they, too, would like to have a share in the giving, as well as the receiving of the Christmas presents?

If a class of students decides that the teacher must be remembered well, they may be allowed to club together and purchase some small piece of jewelry for the instructor and the day of the Christmas exercises her desk may be prettily decorated with flowers. It would take but a few moments of a mother's time to help make this selection and would take a

great weight off the shoulders and minds of the little tots.

A number of young boys not yet in their teen, who are receiving instruction outside of school, decided that they wanted to remember their instructor at Christmas time. One day last week they visited a jeweler in a body and selected a scarf pin, and taking up a collection among themselves, made the purchase. Now that pin is being passed around among the mothers of the little chaps, and so far not one word of disapproval has been uttered for the design was simple, and its symbolism—friendship—seems to have pleased the mothers as well as it appealed to the boys.

These little fellows did not make the purchase without thought, but discussed the matter fully, and when they had made their decision, hesitated no longer. And they will probably enjoy the giving of that present more than any which their mothers have purchased without their knowledge and co-operation.

One of the mistakes often made by mothers is the manner in which they ignore their children when it is time to buy Christmas presents. Of course, it would be very hard for a woman to take her children with her every time she visited the stores, but she could set aside one day for the selection of the children's gifts. On this excursion the little ones should be allowed to voice their own taste, and whenever possible they should be allowed to make some of the purchases. A child is never happier

than when he thinks that he is really buying something by himself.

The result of a day's visit to the shops with two or three small children may not be very restful to the mother, but the case of her children is a part of a mother's life work, and this phase of it can not be overlooked or slighted.

When the small boy of the family wishes to remember some of his school mates, one of the easiest gifts he can get is a pencil box entirely fitted out. This is no small matter, for these are a great many little things that belong in the box of the school boy of today. There are not only pencils but penholders and pen points, erasers, and pencil sharpeners, and a dozen or more other things.

This same gift may be made by a little girl, unless she wishes to have her gift a little more personal. Then there is nothing more acceptable than a dainty hair ribbon. There is hardly anything that delights a small girl more than a pretty assortment of hair ribbons.

Another thing that often troubles the minds of the small tots is the remembering of mother and father. Of course, mother can tell them what to give father, but it is not always for father to suggest to them something that mother would like, that is also within the limits of the Christmas allowance. When it comes to this, the best person to consult is a big sister, and if there is no big sister, then a friend may be appealed to.

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enough responsibility, and enough trouble to select the gifts for each member of the family to give to each other, and to their friends. It is a lot of trouble, and it takes a great deal of time—and money. It will, perhaps, take more time and be more trouble if the little ones go to the store and help make their purchases, but surely the look of supreme happiness and "grown-up" importance that comes over the little faces is a reward for all of the trouble.

## AMUSEMENTS

### BIG STOCK COMPANY COMING HERE



MISS VIRGINIA BRISSAC, leading lady with the World's Fair Stock Company, which opens an engagement here December 21.

Six weeks of stock, with a company declared to be superior to any ever seen here, and with a series of plays that certainly are up to the best standard, will be begun on Saturday evening, December 21, in the Bijou theater, by the World's Fair Stock Company.

J. C. Bray, well-known theatrical man, arrived on the Sierra yesterday in advance of the company and this morning, after a conference, Bray and Manager McGreer of the Consolidated Amusement Company made announcement of the forthcoming engagement.

The World's Fair Stock Company is just finishing a big season at Long Beach, Cal., "playing to packed houses," reports Mr. Bray. The rainy season is setting in at the California city and hence the company is preparing to flit to Honolulu. "We have wanted to come here for some time," Bray said today, "and have prepared for the trip with the biggest company and the best line of plays that ever came into the Pacific."

The engagement will open with "Brewster's Millions," and among the plays to be produced are "The Third Degree," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," "Sweet Clover," "Checkers," "The Chorus Lady," "The Spoilers," "Wildfire," "Alias Jimmy Valentine," "Our New Minister," "Lovers' Lane," "David Harum," "Bobby Burnit," "The Virginian" and "Her Own Way." The plays are the biggest hits of recent years and are new here, with one or two possible exceptions. There will be changes twice a week. Miss Virginia Brissac is the leading lady of the company, and comes with a high reputation, as does James Dillon, who plays the male leads. There are many capable actors and actresses on the company of eighteen. Besides Miss Brissac and Mr. Dillon, the company includes Margaret Nugent, Evelyn Hamby, Louise Fazenda,

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## ARTIST WIX COMING BACK TO CIVILIZATION AFTER LONG WORK

Returns to Lihue from Haena and Will Exhibit Here in January

Otto Wix, the celebrated artist, returned to Lihue last week from his lonely vigil at Haena and Hanalei, where he has spent several months in transferring to canvas the justly famed charms of the landscape in those regions.

His first visit to that island, when his exquisite painting first brought him into prominence as a master hand at depicting the tropical mountain and coast scenery of the Hawaiian Islands, was three years ago, since which time he has spent a considerable time in California, where fame has come to him as a result of his efforts in the hills and valleys of the Coast Range.

While in California Mr. Wix was married, last year, to a young lady who is herself an author and musician of no mean ability, and who will join her husband here about Christmas time.

At Lihue, last Tuesday, the artist gave the people of Lihue an opportunity to see the beautiful work he has been doing recently, by means of an exhibition of his paintings in Lihue Hall, which was attended by over fifty of the prominent residents of the island, including all the lovers of fine

pointing who found it possible to be there.

On display in the hall were thirty-five of his most recent works of art, which were much admired by the critics. The largest of these is a beautiful view of Hanalei Valley, looking across the winding river and three dotted bottom lands toward the three picturesque mountain peaks of Mt. Maunaloa, Mt. Maunaloa, and Mt. Maunaloa, standing like a trio of sentinels in the background.

Other pictures which attracted special attention were the views of the towering peak back of Haena, from which the hardy Hawaiian mountaineers occasionally throw great blazing firebrands, on important days which they wish to celebrate. One of these is a morning view of the peak, showing with vivid clearness the cliffs and caves and verdure of the vast monolith. Others show the afternoon aspect of the peak, with its cliffs shrouded in the mellow golden rays of the descending sun.

Nearly every one of the paintings on exhibition had one or more features declared to be superior to any ever seen here, and it was very difficult for those who were enjoying them to pick out any which could be said to outclass all the others. Though it was pretty generally admitted that the large view of Hanalei Valley, looking across from the north-east hillside, toward the mountains, had a depth and charm of line and coloring which entitled it to the first place if any of them could be given that distinction.

Several scenes containing figures of the primitive and typical residents of the district—among these being one of a fine looking old Hawaiian mending his nets under the shade of a hau tree; and another of a half clad young boy, sitting on the beach and gazing at the setting sun, were much admired.

A feature of the exhibition which occasioned much favorable comment was the unfinished portraits of two of the well-known residents of Lihue, which gave evidence of the remarkable skill of the artist in that important section of a painter's field. It is possible, we understand, that this work will prove so engrossing to Mr. Wix that he will be obliged to give up his landscape painting for portraiture.

Honolulu will soon be able to enjoy the results of Mr. Wix's most recent work, for he has announced his intention of giving an exhibition here in January.



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